

United States Mint Announces Designs for 2015 and 2016 Native American \$1 Coins

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WASHINGTON — The United States Mint announced today the reverse (tails side) designs selected for the 2015 and 2016 Native American \$1 Coins.

The theme for the 2015 design is “Mohawk high iron workers, builders of New York City and other skylines (from 1886).” The design depicts a Mohawk ironworker reaching for an I-beam that is swinging into position, rivets on the left and right side of the border, and a high elevation view of the city skyline in the background. The design includes the required inscriptions *United States of America* and *\$1*, and the additional inscription *Mohawk Ironworkers*. United States Mint Artistic Infusion Program (AIP) artist Ronald D. Sanders designed the reverse, and United States Mint Sculptor–Engraver Phebe Hemphill will sculpt it.

The theme for the 2016 design is “Code Talkers from both World War I and World War II (1917–1945).” The design features two helmets with the inscriptions *WWI* and *WWII*, and two feathers that form a “V,” symbolizing victory, unity, and the important role that these code talkers played. The design also includes the required inscriptions *United States of America* and *\$1*. Artist Thomas D. Rogers, Sr. designed the reverse. The sculptor–engraver will be selected at a later date.

The obverses (heads sides) of the 2015 and 2016 Native American \$1 Coins will continue to feature sculptor Glenna Goodacre’s “Sacagawea” design, introduced in 2000. Inscriptions will be *LIBERTY* and *IN GOD WE TRUST*. The year, mint mark, and *E PLURIBUS UNUM* will be incused on the coins’ edges.

The Native American \$1 Coin Program is authorized by the Native American \$1 Coin Act (Public Law 110–82). The program, launched in 2009, calls for the United States Mint to mint and issue \$1 coins featuring designs celebrating the important contributions made by Indian tribes and individual Native Americans to the history and development of the United States.

About the United States Mint

The United States Mint was created by Congress in 1792 and became part of the Department of the Treasury in 1873. It is the Nation’s sole manufacturer of legal tender coinage and is responsible for producing circulating coinage for the Nation to conduct its trade and commerce. The United States Mint also produces numismatic products, including proof, uncirculated, and commemorative coins; Congressional Gold Medals; and silver and gold bullion coins. The United States Mint’s numismatic programs are self-sustaining and operate at no cost to the taxpayer.

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